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Listing of Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A tool handle adapted to be connected to a tool head, said handle comprising:
 - a) first and second legs, each of said legs having a first end and a second end;
 - b) a first cross-member extending between said first and second legs proximate said first ends thereof;
 - c) a second cross-member extending between said first and second legs proximate said second ends thereof;
 - d) an inner grip handle slidably mounted on and extending between said first and second legs between said first and second ends thereof;
 - e) an outer grip handle mounted on said first cross-member between said first and second legs and extending perpendicular to said first cross-member; and
 - f) a tool head connector mounted on said second cross-member between said first and second legs; said tool head connector including means for connecting a tool head thereto; and
 - g) said first and second legs are formed from telescoping members to permit selective adjustment of the length of said tool handle.

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2. Canceled.
3. (previously presented) The tool handle as in Claim 1 wherein said first and second legs extend in parallel relation and said inner grip handle is connected to said first and second legs by a sliding connector so as to be moveable toward and away from said first cross-member.
4. (Currently amended) The tool handle as in Claim 1-A tool handle adapted to be connected to a tool head, said handle comprising:
 - a) first and second legs, each of said legs having a first end and a second end;
 - b) a first cross-member extending between said first and second legs proximate said first ends thereof;
 - c) a second cross-member extending between said first and second legs proximate said second ends thereof;
 - d) an inner grip handle slidably mounted on and extending between said first and second legs between said first and second ends thereof;
 - e) an outer grip handle mounted on said first cross-member between said first and second legs and extending perpendicular to said first cross-member; and

- f) a tool head connector mounted on said second cross-member between said first and second legs; said tool head connector including means for connecting a tool head thereto;
- g) wherein said inner grip handle is pivotable between a first position and a second position, in said first position said inner grip handle is generally positioned against said first and second legs and in said second position said inner grip handle extends outward from a plane extending through said first and second legs of said tool handle.

5. (Currently amended) The tool handle as in Claim 1 A tool handle adapted to be connected to a tool head, said handle comprising:

- a) first and second legs, each of said legs having a first end and a second end;
- b) a first cross-member extending between said first and second legs proximate said first ends thereof;
- c) a second cross-member extending between said first and second legs proximate said second ends thereof;
- d) an inner grip handle slidably mounted on and extending between said first and second legs between said first and second ends thereof;
- e) an outer grip handle mounted on said first cross-member between said first and second legs and extending perpendicular to said first cross-member; and

- f) a tool head connector mounted on said second cross-member between said first and second legs; said tool head connector including means for connecting a tool head thereto
- g) wherein said outer grip handle selectively rotates about an axis extending through said first cross-member.

6. (previously presented) The tool handle as in Claim 5 further comprising means for securing said outer grip handle in a finite set of selected rotational orientations relative to said first and second legs.

7. (previously presented) The tool handle as in Claim 5 further comprising a locking member releasably securing said outer grip handle in a finite set of selected rotational orientations relative to said first and second legs.

8. (previously presented) A tool handle adapted to be connected to a tool head, said handle comprising:

- a) first and second legs, each of said legs having a first end and a second end;
- b) a first cross-member extending between said first and second legs proximate said first ends thereof;

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- c) a second cross-member extending between said first and second legs proximate said second ends thereof;
- d) an inner grip handle connected to and extending between said first and second legs between said first and second ends thereof;
- e) an outer grip handle connected to said first cross-member and extending approximately perpendicular to said first cross-member;
- f) a tool head connector connected to said second cross-member; said tool head connector adapted for connecting a tool head thereto;
- g) a connecting member having a threaded outer end for threading into a threaded receiver in a tool head; and
- h) wherein said connecting member is rotatably connected to said second cross-member and securable in a selected rotational orientation relative to said second cross-member to allow alignment of said tool head with said tool handle.

- 9. Canceled.
- 10. Canceled.
- 11. Canceled.
- 12. Canceled.
- 13. Canceled.

14. Canceled.

15. (previously presented) A tool handle adapted to be connected to a tool head, said tool handle comprising:

- a) a leg having a first end and a second end and adapted for connection to a tool head at said second end;
- b) an inner grip handle connected to said leg between said first and second ends and having an inner hand grip extending generally perpendicular to said leg;
- c) an outer grip handle rotatably connected to said leg proximate said first end and rotatable about a pivot axis extending approximately perpendicular to a tool handle axis generally extending through said first and second ends of said leg;
- d) a tool head connecting member having a threaded outer end for threading into a threaded receiver in a tool head; and
- e) wherein said connecting member is rotatably connected to said leg at said second end and securable in a selected rotational orientation relative to said second cross-member to allow alignment of said tool head with said tool handle.

16. (Currently amended) A tool handle selectively securable to a plurality of tool heads, said tool handle comprising:

- a) a telescoping leg assembly having first and second ends;
- b) a tool head connecting member located at a second end of said telescoping leg assembly and adapted for selectively and removably connecting a selected one of said plurality of tool heads to said tool handle;
- c) an inner grip handle having a grip extending generally perpendicular to said telescoping leg assembly said inner grip handle connected to said telescoping leg assembly by a sliding connector; and
- d) wherein said sliding connector comprises at least one sleeve at least partially surrounding said telescoping leg assembly.

17. Canceled.

18. (currently amended) The tool handle as in Claim 16- A tool handle selectively securable to a plurality of tool heads, said tool handle comprising:

- a) a telescoping leg assembly having first and second ends;
- b) a tool head connecting member located at a second end of said telescoping leg assembly and adapted for selectively and removably connecting a selected one of said plurality of tool heads to said tool handle;

c) an inner grip handle having a grip extending generally perpendicular to said telescoping leg assembly, said inner grip handle connected to said telescoping leg assembly by a sliding connector, and wherein said inner grip handle is pivotable between a first position and a second position, in said first position said inner grip handle is generally positioned against said telescoping leg assembly and in said second position said inner grip handle extends outward from said telescoping leg assembly.

19. (currently amended) The tool handle as in Claim 16 further comprising A tool handle selectively securable to a plurality of tool heads, said tool handle comprising:

- a) a telescoping leg assembly having first and second ends;
- b) a tool head connecting member located at a second end of said telescoping leg assembly and adapted for selectively and removably connecting a selected one of said plurality of tool heads to said tool handle;
- c) an inner grip handle having a grip extending generally perpendicular to said telescoping leg assembly said inner grip handle connected to said telescoping leg assembly by a sliding connector; and
- d) an outer grip handle rotatably connected to said telescoping leg assembly proximate a first end of said telescoping leg assembly and said outer grip handle selectively rotating about a pivot axis extending approximately perpendicular to a

tool handle axis generally extending through said first and second ends of said telescoping leg assembly.

20. (currently amended) A tool handle adapted to be connected to a tool head, said tool handle comprising:

- a) first and second legs, each of said legs having a first end and a second end;
- b) a first cross-member extending between said first and second legs proximate said first ends thereof;
- c) a second cross-member extending between said first and second legs proximate said second ends thereof;
- d) an inner grip handle connected to and extending between said first and second legs between said first and second ends thereof;
- e) an outer grip handle mounted on said first cross-member between said first and second legs and extending approximately perpendicular to said first cross-member, wherein said outer grip handle selectively rotates about an axis extending through said first cross-member; and
- f) a tool head connector mounted on said second cross-member in planar alignment with said outer grip handle in a plane extending perpendicular to the first and second cross-members; said tool head connector adapted for connecting a tool head thereto.

21. Canceled

22. (previously presented) A tool handle adapted to be connected to a tool head, said handle comprising:

- a) first and second legs, each of said legs having a first end and a second end and portions of said first and second legs extending in parallel relation,
- b) a first cross-member extending between said first and second legs proximate said first ends thereof;
- c) a second cross-member extending between said first and second legs proximate said second ends thereof;
- d) a tool head connector connected to said second cross-member between said first and second legs and projecting outward therefrom; said tool head connector adapted for connecting a tool head thereto; and
- e) an inner grip handle pivotally mounted on sliding connectors which are slidably connected to said first and second legs such that said inner grip handle is slidable toward and away from said second cross-member and said inner grip handle is pivotable between a retracted position and an operating position, in said operating positions said inner grip handle extends outward from a plane defined by said portions of said first and second legs extending in parallel relation.

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23. (previously presented) The tool handle as in Claim 22 wherein each of said sliding connectors comprises a sleeve at least partially surrounding said first and second legs respectively.